

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 31, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAULSBURY made the following

R E P O R T .

[To accompany bill S. 481.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Frances M. Webster, beg leave to report:*

That it appears the late husband of the petitioner graduated at West Point in 1819; was brevet lieutenant in 1823; first lieutenant in 1832; captain, 1836; brevet major, for gallant and meritorious conduct in several conflicts at Monterey, 1846; brevet lieutenant colonel, for gallant and meritorious conduct in battle of Buena Vista, 1847; major, 1852; died at Fort Brown, Texas, November 4, 1853, of yellow fever. The petitioner prays a pension on account of the services and death of her husband.

Copies of two certificates are furnished: S. P. Moon, surgeon, United States army, states that in the early part of 1853, while at Fort Brown, Major Webster required his medical services on account of ill health; that he found, upon examination, much feebleness of constitution, arising from different attacks of disease contracted in the war with Mexico and at other periods when stationed at the south, the stomach and liver not properly performing their functions, and for which he was placed under treatment; that in November of the same year he was attacked with the yellow fever, and although he considered the case a mild one, yet, from the existing feebleness of constitution, it proved fatal.

A letter from the Surgeon General's office says: "Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Lucien B. Webster, United States army, died at Fort Brown, Texas, on the 4th day of November, 1853, of yellow fever, which was then prevailing at that post as a severe and fatal epidemic."

Your committee, in view of the meritorious services of Major Webster, and that he lost his life while in the line of his duty, under the circumstances above stated, report a bill for the relief of his widow.

